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Dear Preferred First Name,

I have just returned from a blustery weekend at Bryn Mawr, where the northern edge of hurricane Joaquin made getting around more of an adventure than usual. Scaffolding obscures the Campus Center (ex “gym”) and Thomas (ex ”The Library”) for roof and masonry repairs as well as some turret work is underway.

We toured the new Enid Cook ’31 Center and the yet unnamed adjacent dorm—both built where Haffner Hall used to be. The students call the new center “ECC”, and the dorm, simply The New Dorm. Honoring Bryn Mawr’s first black alumna, ECC offers housing for 29 students and is the new Black Cultural Center.

Highlights of the weekend, all of which is designed to update and inspire alumnae volunteers, were our visits with the students. Although they are amused by tales of the differences between our time and theirs, (did you really have to wear skirts to class), they are as seriously engaged as we were in the work they are doing. Bryn Mawr will transform them as it transformed us. Their challenge remains to learn, to explore, to learn how to think critically, to creatively approach the problems of a discipline and explore the world, whether in a classroom, a laboratory, a medieval text, or the stars. Our challenge is to support them as alumnae supported us. I therefore am asking you again to support the Bryn Mawr Fund by making a gift to the College this year and every year at a level that is comfortable for you. The student’s success depends on their own work and on the support they get from us.

I am delighted to report that more and more of our class are helping Bryn Mawr with a gift to the Bryn Mawr Fund. Last year, 77 of you gave to the College. This is an increase of six over the previous year and one of the highest, if not the highest, number contributing in a year when we do not have a reunion. Several of us are already taking advantage of the College’s monthly giving option. Check out https://www.brynmawr.edu/giving/ways-giving. Your gift will make a big difference.

With best wishes,

Class of 196X Bryn Mawr Fund Chair